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Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 12:14 PM

To: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Vetoes

I have heard from many of our conservative members here in the valley who would like to suggest a few vetoes for your consideration.

1. Palmer Arts Council- Non-family oriented group, $400,000 for property acquisition.
2. Anchorage Sports Dome at ChangePoint- $1.5 million for church organization who should consider other sources of funding for project, not state GF.

Thanks,
Colleen

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 1:47 PM

To: Meghan N Stapleton; Tom E Irwin; Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Bitney; John W (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Sharon W Leighow; Spencer; Kari L (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton

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Subject: RE: KYLE HOPKINS INTERVIEW

That's always the best case, that's for sure. I told him yesterday no interview because we hadn't gone through the details. When we spoke again last night he said that he would keep it at a high-level regarding the questions below and then if he had specifics, he would ask Karen independently. Never hesitate to say – Kyle, we have the Governor here, let's get through those questions first. With the last-minute timing and accommodations of working through varying schedules, this was the only way to handle it this time.

Thanks, everyone.
Meg

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Subject: RE: KYLE HOPKINS INTERVIEW

It went for over 45 minutes and was excruciating. He hadn't spoken with Sabra or anybody else...nor had he spent any time in Juneau during this past session, but went on and on at length trying to get us to explain the process.

A suggestion...budget-related interviews should either talk with OMB or the Legislative Office prior to speaking with the Governor so we can get through all the details/numbers/etc. first...and then narrow down the time necessary to get comments from the Governor.

Thanks!
John

From: Karen Rehfeld [mailto:karen_rehfeld@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 11:58 AM
To: Meghan Stapleton
Cc: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; 'Sharon Leighow'; 'Kari Spencer'; John W Bitney
Subject: Re: KYLE HOPKINS INTERVIEW

it was longer than 20 minutes! it went fine - KJR

Meghan Stapleton wrote:

I just wrote Sharon to see where it is and get it moving. Does 11am work for people - shouldn't be more than 20 minutes. I know the Governor has a noon for police memorial.

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Subject: Re: KYLE HOPKINS INTERVIEW

Hi Meghan - did this get scheduled? I will be out of the office this afternoon but will be in all next week - KJR

Meghan Stapleton wrote:

So Kyle is only looking for broad sweeps on capital budget right now – similar to what you said during the press conference today. (And I walked through some of those comments – you need to get the team together and start working through – that you haven't seen everything yet – you want to look at everything on their merit and see what's good for the state.) Kyle would like to know what your philosophy is? How will you look through the spending lines and projects? Will you take out your veto pen? How about the process itself? The 180-page document is unveiled with a couple days to go (his facts, not mine), could that truly be enough time for lawmakers to peruse and vote on? Is that process fair?

He would like to talk to you, Governor – as well as Karen re: capital budget. Karen, he would actually like to talk through more specifics with you.

I'd like to set up for the morning. It could either be together or separate – whatever works best. But Kyle knows to keep it high level.

Thanks,
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Yes - and i believe there's time available on Monday's sched.

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Governor, we can review Ag any time your schedule allows.

Meg, thanks for getting these questions. Tom

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Kodiak Daily Mirror article on DeVilbiss:
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